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SUBJECT: OPIC LOAN TO BAJA SALT

REFS: A) MEXICO 5588; B) STATE 159731

Post has no derogatory information regarding the proposed loan. El Salvador imported \$1.7 million worth of salt in 2004, including \$724,000 worth from Mexico; most of it was unprocessed. El Salvador also exported a small amount of finished salt within Central America, valued at \$124,270. Post has no derogatory information regarding ESSO or other parties to this proposed transaction. PROTURO S.A. de C.V. is a tourism development company with interests in Costa del Sol, a popular beach destination in El Salvador. The President, Carlos Alberto Delgado Zuniga, is a former President of the Salvadoran Association of Travel Agencies.

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